

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 2:1-15

Elisha asked Elijah for a double share of his spirit

Elisha knew earlier itself that God is about to take Elijah to heaven. And Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to Bethel." But Elisha replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you!" Elisha follows Elijah as he moves from Bethel to Jericho and from Jericho to Jordan. The group of prophets from Bethel came to Elisha and mockingly asked him, "Did you know that the LORD is going to take your master away from you today?" "Of course I know," Elisha answered. "But be quiet about it."

Question:

Leaving the other prophets, why should Elisha go after Elijah the prophet?

Answer:

Elisha perceives and hears the bond that Elijah had with the Lord. Elisha desired for the prophetic gift that Elijah had in order to meet the needs of the people, who are in need, for people to be delivered, and he also thought that through this he can lead people toward God. Now both of them crossed Jordan and reached the shore. When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away." And Elisha replied, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah replied. "If you see me when I am taken from you, then you will get your request. As they were walking along and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire appeared, drawn by horses of fire. It drove between the two men, separating them, and Elijah was carried by a whirlwind into heaven.

My dear children, let us also have a deep fellowship with the Lord and ask him for his spiritual gifts as we live a life that is pleasing in his sight.

Let's be like Elisha who did not desire anything for himself and asked the lord for gifts that would help others. Who was the first person taken alive into heaven? Enoch. Don't forget the second person who was taken into heaven in such a way was "Elijah".

The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles. Acts 10:45

Prayer

Heavenly father please bless us too with thy spiritual gift. Anoint us with thy Holy Spirit, we will use thy gift for the glory of your name. Amen